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SUBJECT: MEASURES TO MEET CONSULAR WORKLOAD PEAKS

REFS: TEHRAN 0210, STATE 280864

- 1. DEPARTMENT WELCOMES TEHRAN'S INTEREST IN PILOT PROJECT AIMED AT COPING WITH PEAK SEASON CONSULAR WORKLOAD PROBLEMS. IF EMBASSY CONSIDERS SUBSTANCE OF ACTIONS PROPOSED TO MEXICO IN STATE REFTEL TO BE FEASIBLE, EMBASSY MAY WISH TO CIRCULARIZE OFFICIAL COMMUNITY, TO DETERMINE AMOUNT OF INTEREST.
- 2. FOLLOWING ARE RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS RAISED PARA 4 TEHRAN REFTEL: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- (A) SALARY LEVELS WOULD BE LEFT TO EACH POST AS FUNDS WOULD BE DRAWN FROM POST ALLOTMENTS. BASED ON LEVEL OF EMPLOYEES DOING SIMILAR WORK (I.E., JUNIOR OFFICER VICE CONSULS) PAY LEVEL MIGHT BE IN FSS-7 RANGE. COMPENSATION TO BE PAID ON WAE BASIS.
- (B) AUXILLARY CONSULAR PERSONNEL WOULD OCCUPY PART-TIME/INTERMITTENT/TEMPORARY (PIT) POSITIONS. ON REQUEST FROM POSTS DEPARTMENT COULD AUTHORIZE SEVERAL PIT POSITIONS, TO BE FUNDED BY POST, TO EXTENT AVAILABLE WITHIN OMB CEILING. ANNUAL BUDGET SUBMISSION WOULD TAKE

## ACCOUNT OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS.

- (C) SINCE DESPATCH OF REFTEL, BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HAS REVIEWED AND DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY FOR MANAGEMENT HAS APPROVED NEW FSI CONSULAR TRAINING COURSE. COURSE WOULD SIMULATE CONSULAR SITUATIONS AND AFFORD BOTH PRACTICAL AND THEORETICAL TRAINING. TRAINEES CAN ENROLL AT ANY TIME AND COULD ATTEND ALL OR A PORTION OF COURSE WHILE IN US BETWEEN POSTS OR ON LEAVE. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF STAFFING, SPACE AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS, THE NEW TRAINING PROGRAM IS NOT SCHEDULED TO BEGIN UNTIL LATE SUMMER. IN THE SHORTER TERM, AND IF POST BELIEVES IT WOULD BE JUSTIFIED, FSI COULD SEND OFFICER TO TEHRAN TO CONDUCT BRIEF NIV TRAINING PROGRAM FOR UP TO TWO WEEKS IN LATE MARCH. TRAVEL AND PERDIEM WOULD HAVE TO BE BORNE BY EMBASSY OR BUREAU. PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE EXPECTED PASS QUALIFYING EXAM ON NIV FUNDAMENTAMENTALS. THIS DEPENDS IN PART, HOWEVER, ON MEXICO REQUIREMENTS, SINCE SMALL FSI STAFF WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY CONDUCTING TRAINING PROGRAMS AT BOTH POSTS.
- (D) OTHER POSTS HAVE UTILIZED DEPENDENTS IN TASKS NOT REQUIRING COMMISSIONS. AS NOTED STATE REFTEL, COMMISSIONING DEPENDENTS IS FAR MORE COMPLEX (AND AS YET UNRESOLVED), BUT MIGHT BETTER SUIT NEEDS OF POST. WOULD APPRECIATE TEHRAN'S COMMENTS ON THIS POINT.
- (E) FULL SECURITY CLEARANCE WOULD BE NECESSARY. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CLEARANCES WOULD BE INITIATED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE IN APPOINTMENT PROCESS.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE TEHRAN'S COMMENTS ON POINTS RAISED ABOVE, AS WELL AS PROPOSAL SUGGESTED TO EMBASSY MEXICO IN STATE REFTEL. KISSINGER

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